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SUBJECT: CEHLIK COMMENTS ON UDI

1. UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM CYPRUS FOR ANKARA AND NEW YORK
SEPT 16, "TFSC DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS", CHELIK REITERATED: "WE SHALL DEMAND EQUAL REPRESENTATION AND EQUAL RIGHT OF SAY AT ALL LEVELS DURING THE
CYPRUS DEBATE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WE SHALL TAKE NEW
STEPS IN THE LIGHT OF TREATMENT TO BE ACCORDED TO US DURING
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THE DEBATE AND IN THE LIGHT OF ITS OUTCOME." IN RESPONSE TO A

QUESTION, CHELIK SAID THAT: "AS WE HAVE STATED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS, WE HAVE NOT DRAWN A PROGRAM OR FIXED A DATE FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE. THE ATTITUDE OF MAKARIOS AND OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES TOWARDS US WILL BE THE DECIDING FACTORS IN THIS RESPECT. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE WORLD WILL COME TO REALIZE THAT BY FAILING TO RECOGNIZE AND ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH US AS A FEDERATED STATE, IT IS PUSHING US TO COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE AND AIDING MAKARIOS' UNREALISTIC AND NEGATIVE POLICY."

2. COMMENT: THERE MAY BE AN ELEMENT OF BLUFF IN CHELIK'S REFERENCE TO "NEW STEPS," SINCE HE OBVIOUSLY HAS AN INTEREST IN PUTTING WHATEVER PRESSURE HE CAN MUSTER ON THIRD PARTIES TO KEEP CYPRUS PROBLEM EXCLUSIVELY AT UNGA SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE LEVEL AND PREVENT GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM ADDRESSING PLENARY AS THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN OUR VIEW, CHELIK IS SIGNALLING IMPORTANCE TURK CYPRIOTS ATTACH TO UNGA OUTCOME IN TERMS OF THEIR OWN FUTURE DECISIONS AND HELPING TO BUILD STRONG PUBLIC RECORD SHOWING THAT UDI, IF IT EVER COMES, WILL NOT BE A HASTY, ILL-CONSIDERED STEP BUT A MOVE FORCED ON TURK CYPRIOTS BY OTHERS' ACTIONS AND THE LACK OF ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES.

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